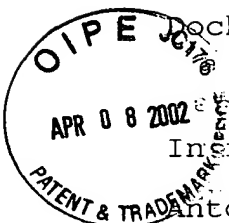


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LETTER

Sir:

Attached hereto is declaration which claims small
entity status.

The applicant was entitled to small entity status as
of the filing date of October 15, 2001 and for this reason it
is requested that a refund of one-half of the filing fee be
sent to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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